

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
DIVERSITY CALENDAR – 2009**

The purpose of this calendar is to announce to and educate Mountain View residents about the wide variety of diversity-related events and celebrations that take place throughout the year locally, nationally and internationally.

The calendar focuses on national, regional and local celebrations and cultural holidays. The calendar is simply a compilation of events gathered from a variety of readily accessible sources. It is not exhaustive of all important dates, but serves as a guide for the many commemorative and celebratory events that occur throughout the year.

Please contact the City's Human Relations Commission at hrc@mountainview.gov to suggest additions to the calendar or share your thoughts about human relations needs and issues in the community.

Month	Event/Celebration
January	1 – New Year's Day (International)
	1 – Emancipation Day (U.S.) Commemorates President Abraham Lincoln's 1863 signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.
	1 – Shogatsu (Japan) Japanese New Year, the most significant holiday in Japan. Good health and fortune are wished for on this day.
	19 – Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (U.S.) Recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, birthday.
	20 – Inauguration Day (U.S.) (occurs every four years) Day on which the President of the United States takes his/her oath of office.
	26 – Lunar New Year (International) Chinese New Year, the most significant holiday in China. January 26, 2009 begins the Year of the Ox.

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	26 – Tet (Lunar New Year) (Vietnam)
February	African-American History Month (U.S.) Raises awareness of the contributions African-Americans have made to the U.S. society and history.
	15-21 – Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week Promotes justice, understanding and cooperation among Christians and Jews as well as tolerance of all faiths.
March	Irish-American Heritage Month (U.S.) Celebrates the contributions of Irish-Americans.
	National Women's History Month (U.S.) Recognizes and celebrates the historic accomplishments of women.
	21 – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (U.N.) Observed by the United Nations (U.N.) as part of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. This day remembers the killing of 69 South African protesters in 1960.
	31 Cesar Chavez Birthday State holiday observed in California to honor labor leader Cesar Chavez's birthday.
April	1 – All Fool's Day (International)
	13 – Baisakhi Cultural Festival (Sikh and Hindu) Celebration of spring and the harvest.
	21 – International Holocaust Remembrance Day International commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. It was designated by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 60/7 on November 1, 2005.

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	22 – Earth Day (International) Day intended to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment. Earth Day is in the public domain and open to all persons to shape. Some grassroots Earth Day organizers seek to move the date of the observance to the Summer Solstice to take advantage of the warm temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere (where most people live) to create greater participation.
May	Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month (U.S.) Recognizes and celebrates the rich legacy Asian-Pacific Americans have given to this country.
	Older Americans Month (U.S.) Recognizes the contributions of older Americans in addition to the wisdom, strength and compassion they instill in their families and communities.
	10 – Palestinian Culture Day (Santa Clara County) Celebrates Palestinian-American Heritage.
	25 – Memorial Day (U.S.) A day to remember U.S. heroes and those who have died.
June	Gay and Lesbian Pride Month (U.S.) Nationally proclaimed month to celebrate gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender pride.
	14 – Flag Day Day commemorating the adoption of the flag of the United States.
	19 – Juneteenth (U.S.) Commemorates the arrival of union troops in Texas in June 1865 and the freeing of slaves who had not been told of the Emancipation Proclamation.

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July	4 – Independence Day (U.S.) Marks when the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.
	26 – Anniversary of the Signing of the ADA (U.S.) Celebrates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
August	Diversity Appreciation Month (U.S.) Celebrates the diversity each of us brings to our workplace, school and community.
September	Hispanic Heritage Month (U.S.) September 15 to October 15 Celebrates the contributions and achievements of the diverse cultures within the Hispanic community.
	Healthy Aging Month (U.S.) Observed to focus national attention on the positive aspects of growing older.
	11 – Patriot Day (U.S.) Day of remembrance and anniversary of 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.
	17 – Citizenship Day (U.S.) Honors the more than 100,000 people from other countries who become U.S. citizens each year.
	20-26 – Deaf Awareness Week (U.S.) In commemoration of the first World Congress of the Deaf held the last week of September 1951.
October	National Disability Employment Awareness Month (U.S.) Recognizes the potential for America's 30 million working-age people with disabilities.
	Breast Cancer Awareness Month (U.S.) Dedicated to increasing awareness of the importance of early detection of breast cancer.

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	Diversity Awareness Month (U.S.) Specific time of the year for all schools, businesses and governmental agencies to explore our country's diversity and all the benefits derived from a pluralistic society.
	Gay and Lesbian History Month (U.S.) Educates the public about gay and lesbian historical figures and events.
	Italian-American Heritage Month (U.S.) Acknowledges the significant economic, cultural and political contributions of Italian-Americans.
	15 – National White Cane Safety Day (U.S.) Publicizes the needs of the blind and visually impaired.
	24 – United Nations Day (International) An international holiday celebrating the anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations. The holiday "shall be devoted to making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for" its work.
November	National American Indian Heritage Month (U.S.) Recognizes the great influence American Indians have had on the history, cultural development and continuing growth of the United States.
December	1 – World AIDS Day (U.N.) Designated by the U.N. World Health Organization to increase awareness and education about AIDS.
	1 – Rosa Parks Day (U.S.) Commemorates the arrest of Rosa Parks for defying segregation by refusing to give up her seat on the bus for a white passenger.
	3 – International Day of Disabled Persons (U.N.) Promotes the continuing integration of disabled persons into general society.

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	10 – Human Rights Day (U.N.) Commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 by the United Nations.
	26 – Kwanzaa (U.S.) The seven-day celebration to honor Americans of African ancestry.

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